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## INTRODUCTION

In 1977, when I wrote *A Ten Year Retrospective of The Shekel*, I stated the following . . . which is even more true today:

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The amazing diversity of *The Shekel* has more than lived up to founding editor Nat Sobel's hope, expressed in 1968, that "we expect the magazine to become a prime source of information on Israel numismatics."

This index is dedicated to the stalwart editors of *The Shekel*: Nat Sobel (1968-1970, 1980-1981), George Gilbert (1970-1977, 1982 to the present), Ed Schuman (1977-1980) and David Alexander (1981). It is also dedicated to our talented writers and to our loyal readers, without whom this work would be meaningless. — Mel Wacks.

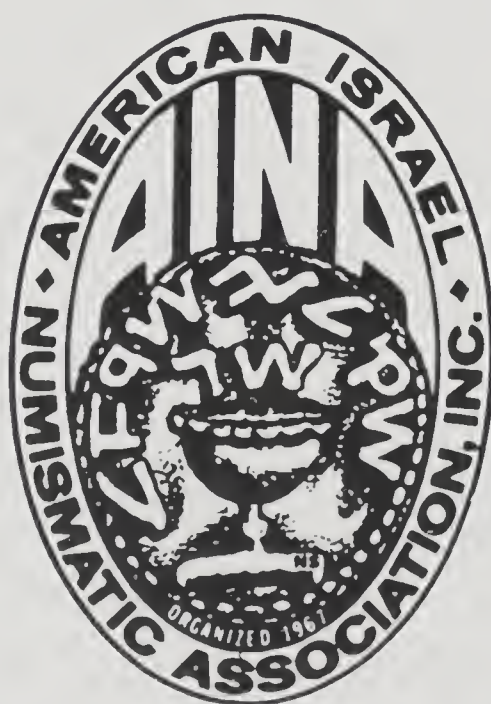


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—(A. Kindler) 4/4/5  
—(R. Stieglitz) 10/2/32  
—(B. Hoenig) 11/2/21  
Menorah (M. Wacks) 13/1/28  
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—(B. Odesser) 6/1/32  
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—11/5/20  
—(H. Flower) 15/4/17  
Beiliss, Mendel  
—(S. Haffner) 4/1/4  
—(A. Lerner) 4/4/20  
Ben Gurion, David  
—(D. Genachowski) 7/1/17  
—7/4/19  
—(S. Lachman) 10/3/3  
Benjamin, Judah P.  
—(H. Flower) 3/3/12  
—(R. Grad) 9/1/17  
—(D. Paszamant) 15/3/13  
Ben-Zvi, Yitzhak (D. Genachowski) 4/2/9  
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—(E. Semmelman) 10/3/21  
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—(S. Needleman) 13/6/13  
—(L. Chernick) 13/6/17  
—(H. Flower) 13/6/19  
—(E. Baruch) 13/6/22  
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—8/2/20  
—(E. Janis) 9/2/15  
Houdini, Harry (E. Baruch) 14/4/21  
Jabotinsky, Vladimir  
—(D. Schechter) 11/6/5  
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—(B. Frank) 13/5/5  
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Korczak, Janusz (D. Paszamant) 15/2/7  
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Morgenthau Sr., Henry  
—(R. Grad) 9/3/20  
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—(D. Friedenberg) 3/14/20  
—(R. Grad) 9/4/10  
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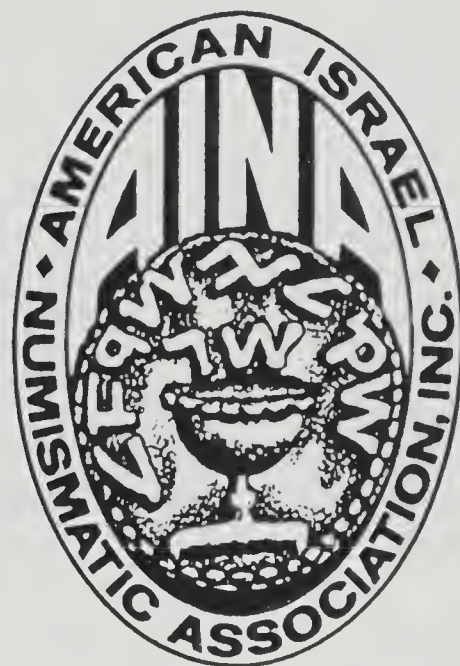
# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN ISRAEL NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

In the summer of 1967, a small, wiry and aggressive Israeli, Joseph Milo, sent to the United States to further the sales of Israel's coins and medals through an ambitious plan to reach Americans through coin dealers and even sponsoring banks in many communities, met with an American collector of Israel's coinage and medals. He was Morris Bram, a recently retired businessman seeking ways to interest others in the historic importance of Israel's numismatic efforts.

The concept of a national organization, with a network of clubs and with thousands affiliated members-at-large, with programs of education and related numismatic activities was conceived by the two at a meeting held in the midtown New York City Hotel Roosevelt. It was thought that the organization would be international in scope, with collectors in Canada and Israel, possibly even other countries.

The name: AMERICAN ISRAEL NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION was suggested by Bram and an attorney was engaged to protect the name and to pursue incorporation. A sponsoring Board of Directors, *Friends of Israel Numismatics* was formed by Bram calling New York area individuals who he thought to be sympathetic to the idea: Maurice Frankenhuis (now deceased); Nathan Goldman (now deceased); Michael Granis (now deceased); Edward Janis; Julius Schatz, Edward Schuman, Louis Schweiloch, Nat Sobel, Julius Turoff and Max Vlotkoffsky.

Following the appointment of this Board by Mr. Bram, an organizational meeting was held with Yitzhak Avni, the very enthused Director of



*AINA logo designed by Nat Sobel, an active early member who is a vital force today.*

the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation from Jerusalem, who saw the many advantages to both Israel and America in the newly born numismatic child. He suggested the need for a Constitution and together with Bram they visited the new members of the Board to suggest a first dramatic action: The honoring of the arrival in the United States of Levi Eshkol on a formal presidential visit to Washington, D.C. by a committee of Israelis and Americans. This committee met and agreed to strike the medal (which AINA now proudly shows as the first AINA medal).

The first business meeting of AINA actually took place on April 28, 1968 at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel in New York City.

The organization meeting began with an announced membership of over 1,000 — with the distinction of the Membership No. 1000 going to Margo Russell, (now Editor of the *Coin World*).

Max Vlotoffsky was the first Secretary of A.I.N.A. and also Secretary of the I.N.S. of N.Y. in 1968.



Morris Bram

Morris Bram of the Israel Numismatic Society of New York urged as early as January of 1968 that this New York group affiliate with the budding AINA. The group voted unanimously to do so in January of 1968, prior to the formative April meeting that year. Similar votes were taken in Los Angeles, Cleveland and Miami and all voted to affiliate. The start of the national network of clubs had begun even as the organization was taking shape.

### **The Shekel is created**

It was obvious that the new members would need to know more about the organization and about Israel's numismatics, then only occasionally covered by the existing coin press. It was clear that a magazine would be needed, a scholarly journal to tell the collectors and the members all about the world of Israel numismatics and to report on the progress of AINA's growth, the plan to set up clubs in numerous cities, etc. *The Shekel* was suggested as a name for the new journal by the man who was to pioneer its development as the first editor: Nat Sobel, already very active in the Association.

An actual *shekel* which has since appeared on every cover of the newly born magazine was from the actual collection of new Board member Michael Granis.

Sylvia Haffner was early a welcomed addition to the Board of Directors. She was one of the first contributors to *The Shekel*.

Her research in the coins and currency of Israel led to the publication of her book. *The History of Modern Israel's Money* (1967) and the updated edition *Israel's Money and Medals* (1976) published by Arnold H. Kagan.

### **The Existing Israel Coin Clubs**

Collecting the coins of Israel was by that time not a new idea in the U.S. The State of Israel had been founded in 1948 and long before that in history there had been active collectors of numismatics relating to the history of the Jewish people. Collectors of such material in a number of cities had already formed Israel Coin Clubs. The first of these was the Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles.

The I.N.S. of Cleveland was one of the first of the "new" I.N.S. clubs. Robert Greene was its first President. This club pioneered development of the AINA Slide Programs.

At the start, there was no office, no staff, no dependable source of income. What income did arrive from memberships could barely sustain the printing and mailing bills for the emerging national magazine. The concept of a financially successful convention or sales of numismatic educational materials to raise funds for the unborn educational programs was yet to develop.

The first step towards making the organization financially stable was to make it the centre for some of the purchases by its far-flung members, many of whom needed a dependable

source of the newly minted coins and medals of Israel, most unavailable in the local communities.

If the members had to buy by mail, why not from AINA?

In April 1969, AINA became the North American official distributor of Israel's coins and medals for the members and clubs as well as the sole distributor of certain special medals.

A further step to weld the organization together and to possibly raise needed funds to conduct AINA activities was the brainchild of Joseph Milo and Morris Bram: the *AINA Study Tours of Israel*. The first tour attracted a small handful of participants; by 1973, 118 AINA members and their family and friends were aboard the El Al flight to Israel to what has become the annual March trek to the Holy Land.

AINA has now conducted 15 such ventures and over 1000 Americans have seen Israel though the assistance of the special tours conducted for this vital group.

No other numismatic organization in the world has been able to generate the interest which could bring members from all across the country to one airport for a 12-hour trip to another part of the world!

### **A First Coin Convention**

The growing organization sought ways to bring together the numerous leaders from across America and the answer was a coin convention where Israeli collectors could hear learn — see — exhibit — socialize — entertain — visit and share.

The first *AINA Coin Convention* was held in April of 1973. It had taken five years and the formation of clubs in nearly 20 states to assure an organization of a size which could sustain the effort of a national coin convention.

Bram's experience as a convention chairman had been earned in years of numismatic activity with his

much-loved Long Island Coin Club and other groups with which he had been affiliated. Top dealers from Europe and across the U.S. were invited by Bram to take tables at the Bourse and from the first convention (1973) and ever since, the Bourse has been a sell-out.

The banquets have been a sell-out. The exhibit areas have been totally filled and the AINA members have had voices in workshops and seminars where club activities and policy planning could be aired.

By 1973, AINA's membership had passed 3500 and the group was the third largest numismatic organization in the U.S.

By inviting the public to the Convention where all manner of coins were on display and sold in the bourse, over 5000 attendees were registered. By 1974's convention, the annual event attracted over 8,000 and the events since have been at that figure, helped by a vast public relations effort in the cooperative *Coin World*, *Numismatic News Weekly*, *World Coins*, *The New York Times* and other media. Today AINA has two NY area conventions and a Florida convention each year.

### **Local Expos and Seminars**

The local INS clubs and other groups sought ways to interest the members of their communities in Israel's numismatics, etc., and the INS clubs have either formed or participated in Holy Land Expos or Holy Land Seminars at varying times of the year in numerous areas. Four California clubs conduct Holy Land Expos; the Great Lakes Seminar has involved activities of many of the AINA members in the Cleveland area. The Houston AINA members have established coin displays at the state fairs and community projects. The Baltimore INS has participated in Community Center projects and this effort has repeated in numerous cities for clubs and AINA members

who cannot attend the annual national convention.

### More AINA Numismatics

In 1973 AINA added to the numismatic world with introduction of the annual AINA token, a token available only to members, struck in Israel and delivered after January 1 to all re-registering members. The membership token obverse was designed by the second (and present) editor of *The Shekel* George Gilbert; the reverse is the reverse of the IGCAM New Year's Token sent to all subscribers to the IGCAM mailing program.

For the Bicentennial Year of 1976, AINA's treasurer, Edward Janis, a member of the founding Board of Directors and long a stalwart in AINA activities designed the AINA Bicentennial Medal, basing it on the wellknown Houdon bust. Citing the famed George Washington Letter to the Jews of America which spoke out against bigotry, the medal was produced in time for the AINA Convention of 1976. It was minted in gold, silver and bronze and, for AINA members, in sets of silver and bronze.

### AINA's Education Efforts

From the outset, as stated in its chapter in the incorporation in the State of New York, AINA is a non-profit educational organization. Its thrust has been to create a climate

where Israel's coinage and medals would serve as "metallic ambassadors of goodwill." The messengers bringing these ambassadors have been AINA's national officers, then the clubs to their own members friends, and then, and in the major activity, to and through the members-at-large who are the main body of AINA.

But this was not enough. AINA paid to send speakers out across America to assist clubs with programs or to strengthen the potential of formation of AINA clubs. AINA brought from Israel noted scholars like Yaakov Meshorer, Curator of Numismatics at the Israel Museum and arranged for the loan of films from various Israel sources to the local groups.

Finally, AINA developed from within the clubs a system for organization of the best lectures and educational programs into taped slide lectures.

### The First Real Offices

By 1975, the growth of the organization had made it impossible for the 1967 "temporary" office. This had been set up in the home of Morris Bram. It had overflowed to all rooms of the apartment where Morris and his wife Lena, (who had become office manager-bookkeeper-secretary-shipping department for the entire operation) also lived.



1982 AINA Membership Medal to All Members



#### A RECENT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GUESTS

Seated, left to right: Stanley Yulish, Ohio; Morris Bram, Florida; Sidney L. Olson, Florida; Julius Turoff, New York; Fred Roganson, Conn. and Irving L. Rudin, Mass.; Standing, left to right: Moe Weinschel; Alan Weinberg, New York; Harry Flower, Illinois; David Paszamant, New Jersey; Donna Sims, California; J. J. Van Grover, New York; Nat Sobel, New York; George Gilbert (guest); and Ed Janis, New York.

AINA opened offices in a modern building out of the din of Manhattan and it moved in recent years to Tamarac, Florida. Today a staff of three, augmented as necessary during peak periods handles the thousands of pieces of mail which arrive each month. A computer handles the addressing of labels for all direct mail program and for shipment of *The Shekel*. The publication in 1976 was shifted from four times a year to six times a year to keep pace with the growth of the organization.

#### Club Growth within Communities

1976 had further growth surprises with the addition of the INS of Alaska into the family of INS and related clubs. A.I.N.A. was fast approaching 50 groups, a number of which were in clusters in the great American metropolitan areas:

New York City was now serving its members with the original INS of New York; and in addition, there has been formed during these first years the INS of Long Island, the INS of Brooklyn, the INS of Queens and even the suburbs north were to provide the base for the INS of Westchester (WINS).

Nearby New Jersey, which had early in growth of AINA registered the INS of New Jersey, added an INS of South New Jersey and and I.N.S. of Northern New Jersey.

Among some of the very first to join AINA back in the late 1960s were coin collectors in Alaska. One of the special joys of 1976 was the announcement of the formation of the INS of Alaska, a story told in some detail in *The Shekel* a few issues later.

#### AINA Plants a Forest

In 1974, the organization took a step ahead of any numismatic organization in the world by committing itself to a project conceived and developed within an outstanding Israel Numismatic Society.

The group was the INS of Massachusetts and it was Ed Shade who pioneered, first within his club and then to AINA's Board of Directors a dream which has won wide acceptance among AINA members: To create an AINA Forest in Israel.

Working with the *Jewish National Fund*, a site was selected on the barren slopes outside of Jerusalem be-

low the John F. Kennedy Memorial. On the AINA tour of March 1975, the AINA Grove was started with plantings by all tour members and friends.

A year of work by the clubs had provided for 800 trees in the initial planting. A gift by A. H. Kagan of \$2500.00 was made to match the first \$2500.00 (approximately 800 trees) to immediately double the planting. Mr. Kagan announced the surprise gift "in honor of his friends Morris Bram and Yitzhak Avni". By the end of the first year, over 2000 trees had been planted.

Additions to the Grove during subsequent visits have more than doubled the original target for the first years of the AINA Grove.

### **The Help of Friends**

The growth of the entire organization would not have been possible without the endless assistance and cooperation of varied offices of the Government of Israel and especially of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation. Following the return to Israel of Joseph Milo, there have been three further Directors for North America who have proven their dedication to the AINA idea: Ephraim Levy, now in Israel as an

officer of a leading petroleum company; Rafael Aldor, now a publishing house executive in Israel and today's Nahum H. Hacohen, wellknown to most clubs.

### **"Morris, the Miracle Man"**

When the first AINA Convention was held in 1973, it was a major milestone in the life of the growing organization. At that time, an editorial in *Coin World* (June 20, 1973) paid tribute to the one man whose leadership guided the infant organization to its present vigorous adulthood: Morris Bram, president of the organization and an unpaid officer since the first moments of the dream.

The editorial was headed:

#### **Morris, The Miracle Man**

In part it read . . .

*"... friend, leader, true American, sincere patriot of Israel ..."*

It spoke of:

*"... zest, steadfastness and wisdom ..."*

AINA recently began its sixteenth year. Bram's reward for all these years of effort is the sturdy national organization which has won so many adherents around the world: AINA.

—George Gilbert, (April, 1983)



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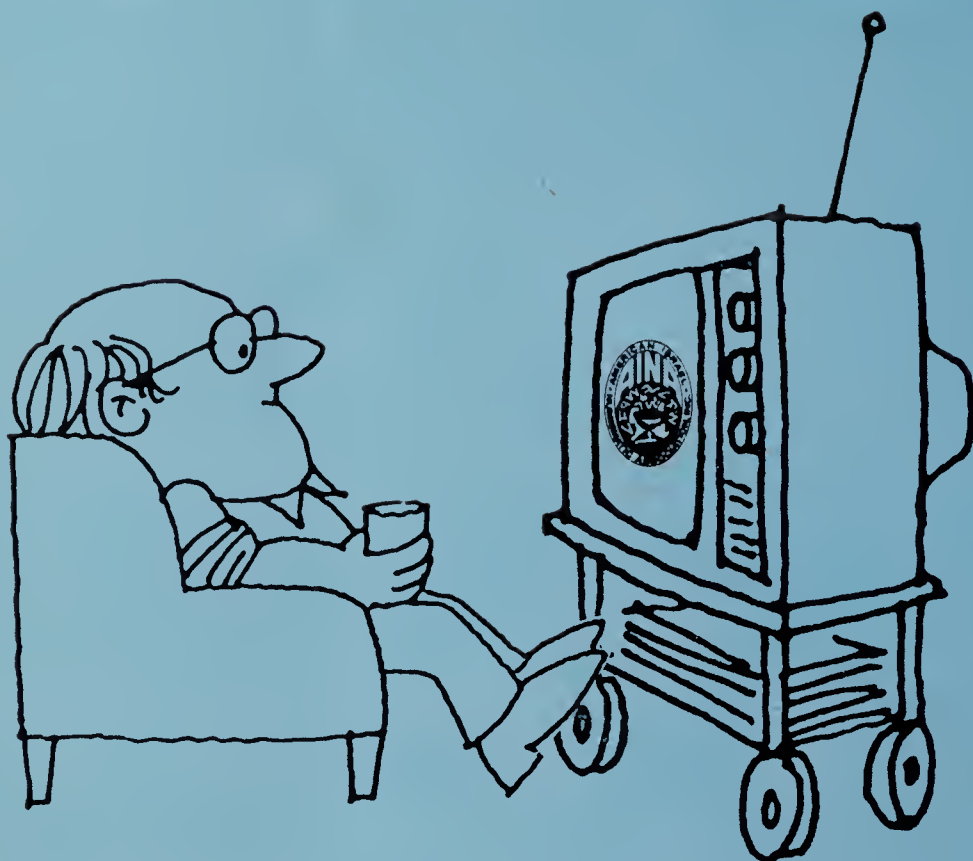
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